

**Cold Spring Council Minutes**  
**September 11, 2023**

The September 11, 2023 caucus meeting was called to order by Mayor Penque at 7:30pm, followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11.

Prayer and pledge were led by the City Clerk (00:03)

*Roll Call & Exit Instructions: (00:46)*

- Present: Mayor Penque, Chris Ampfer, Lisa Cavanaugh, Dave Guidugli, Paul Kloeker, Cindy Moore, Adam Sandfoss, City Clerk Robin Morency, City Administrator Steve Taylor, Public Works Director Ron Hitch, Police Chief Steve Collinsworth, Event Coordinator Stacy Klosterman, and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

*Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: (01:10)*

- Cindy Moore added a discussion for tax rates. Dave Guidugli added the Prayer & Pledge.

*Citizen Comments: None.*

*Recognition of Scheduled Guests: None.*

*Old Business: (02:35)*

- Crossroad Boulevard – The designs for potential improvements to Crossroad Boulevard were displayed for council and the audience to view. Chief Collinsworth explained the options and associated costs. These options included establishing a third lane to the exit of Crossroads Boulevard, removal of the existing center median, widening of the north exit lane, and an extension to the north right-hand lane. Chief Collinsworth stated that these improvements would help, but only for a problem that lasts a few weeks out of the year. Adam Sandfoss stated that he doesn't think this is the right use of city funds at the moment, as it is not a consistent problem year around. There was discussion about the timing of the lights at the intersection. Paul Kloeker thinks that the removal of the median would be money well spent as this is an issue every year. Council discussed safety concerns with the businesses and school if there were an emergency. Dave Guidugli agrees that this isn't something that the city should pursue at this time. Chris Ampfer doesn't feel that this will help a great deal as it isn't a constant issue. The majority of council decided this wasn't a priority at this time, but they will keep an eye on it.
- Development Updates – Mayor Penque stated that he does not have any updates on the DAV property nor the Midland Atlantic project. Midland Atlantic will be at the Planning and Zoning meeting for a zone issue on September 13, after that it will come in front of council. Brandon Voelker stated that there are no updates in regards to the DAV building. There was discussion on the utilities and maintenance at the property.

*New Business: (26:00)*

- Tax rate discussion – The 2024 trash fee for the upcoming tax bills will be \$236.04. Last year's real property tax rate was \$1.49 per thousand and the tangible tax rate was \$1.43 per thousand. The compensating rate for this years real property tax is \$1.27 per thousand and the tangible is \$1.22 per thousand. The compensating rate is designed to generate approximately the same revenue as the prior year. The last time taxes were raised was in 2008. Brandon Voelker stated that residents who receive a higher tax bill than last year may be due to a reassessment of their property. There was discussion about the homestead exemptions, fully exempted properties, business tax and payroll tax.

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*Follow up Citizen Comments: (51:37)*

- Brian King (resident) asked if anyone had looked into using the temporary recycling bins for events. Ron Hitch stated that he will look into it.

*Police Department Comments: (52:50)*

- Dave Guidugli asked if there was any response to the traffic light issues on US 27; Chief Collinsworth said that he will reach out again. Chief Collinsworth advised that any officer that may cover meetings for him does have the ability to answer council or citizen questions.

*Council Comments: (54:10)*

- Cindy Moore reminded everyone of the special meeting on September 18 at 8:00pm.
- Paul Kloeker asked about the SWAT team. Chief Collinsworth stated that Officer Smith enjoys being a part of it and it is going well.
- Lisa Cavanaugh wanted to give a reminder about Pups in the Park on September 15. Ms. Cavanaugh read a statement for first responders and thanked Chief Collinsworth and Fire Chief Schultz.

*Attorney Comments: None.*

*Mayor Comments: (57:10)*

- Mayor Penque gave a reminder for the last concert of the series; it will be on September 21 from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. The band is Vinyl Countdown. Mayor Penque thanked the council members for their participation at the Fishing Derby.

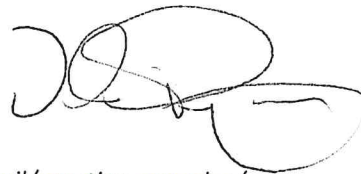
*Adjournment: (58:06)*

- Mayor Penque adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.

Approved: 9/25/23

City Clerk: Robin Morency

Mayor:



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